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	AB	2,029,370	2/4/1936	Heldenbrand			
	AC	2,742,652	4/24/1956	Mautz			
	AD	3,000,020	9/19/1961	Lombard et al.			
	AE	3,030,145	4/17/1962	Kottemann			
	AF	3,047,888	8/7/1962	Shecter et al.			
	AG	3,080,578	3/12/1963	Novascone			
	AH	3,421,163	1/14/1966	Stoughton			
	AI	3,268,922	8/30/1966	Moxley			
	AJ	3,580,615	5/25/1971	Prosser			
	AK	3,939,508	2/24/1976	Hall et al.			

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	AN	GB 2 333 230	21-July-99	UK				
	AO	EP 0 464 692	08-Jan-92	EPO				
	AP	EP 0 606 892	20-Jul-94	EPO				
	AQ	CH 332754	15-Nov-58	Switzerland				

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	BB	4,347,633	9/7/1982	Gammons et al.				
	BC	4,449,261	5/22/1984	Magnusson				
	BD	4,485,505	12/4/1984	Paul				
	BE	4,486,909	12/11/1984	McKneelan				
	BF	4,494,775	1/22/1985	Nash et al.				
	BG	4,522,447	6/11/1985	Snyder et al.				
	BH	4,555,130	11/26/1985	McClain				
	BI	4,580,301	4/8/1986	Ludman et al.				
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	CB	4,753,480	6/28/1988	Morell			
	CC	4,777,681	10/18/1988	Lück et al.			
	CD	4,788,730	12/6/1988	Bexton			
	CE	4,796,948	1/10/1989	Paul et al.			
	CF	4,803,744	2/14/1989	Peck et al.			
	CG	4,825,488	5/2/1989	Bedford			
	CH	4,890,877	1/2/1990	Ashtiani-Zarandi et al.			
	CI	4,896,389	1/30/1990	Chamberland			
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	DB	4,949,412	8/21/1990	Goode			
	DC	4,951,334	8/28/1990	Maier			
	DD	5,002,336	3/26/1991	Fcher			
	DE	5,029,352	7/9/1991	Hargest et al.			
	DF	5,039,567	8/13/1991	Landi et al.			
	DG	5,051,673	9/24/1991	Goodwin			
	DH	5,085,487	2/4/1992	Weingartner et al.			
	DI	5,088,747	2/18/1992	Morrison et al.			
	DJ	5,107,558	4/28/1992	Lück			
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	EB	5,182,826	2/2/1993	Thomas et al.			
	EC	5,191,664	3/9/1993	Wyatt			
	ED	5,201,780	4/13/1993	Dinsmoor, III et al.			
	EE	5,231,717	8/3/1993	Scott et al.			
	EF	5,243,722	9/14/1993	Gusakov			
	EG	5,243,723	9/14/1993	Cotner et al.			
	EH	5,243,723	9/14/1993	Cotner et al.			
	EI	5,255,404	10/26/1993	Dinsmoor, III et al.			
	EJ	5,259,079	11/9/1993	Visser et al.			
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	FB	5,294,181	3/15/1994	Rose et al.			
	FC	5,311,623	5/17/1994	Hendi			
	FD	5,323,500	6/28/1994	Roe et al.			
	FE	5,325,551	7/26/1994	Newkirk et al.			
	FF	5,364,686	11/15/1994	Disselbeck et al.			
	FG	5,373,595	12/20/1994	Johnson et al.			
	FH	5,375,273	12/27/1994	Bodine, Jr. et al.			
	FI	5,394,576	3/7/1995	Soltani et al.			
	FJ	5,403,065	4/4/1995	Callerio			
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	GB	5,454,142	10/3/1995	Neely et al.			
	GC	5,457,833	10/17/1995	Jay			
	GD	5,483,709	1/16/1996	Foster et al.			
	GE	5,513,402	5/7/1996	Schwartz			
	GF	5,513,899	5/7/1996	Michaels et al.			
	GG	5,542,136	8/6/1996	Tappel			
	GH	5,566,409	10/22/1996	Klearman			
	GI	5,586,346	12/24/1996	Stacy et al.			
	GJ	5,588,167	12/31/1996	Pahno et al.			
	GK	5,592,707	1/14/1997	Disnmoor, III et al.			

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	HB	5,606,764	3/4/1997	Hand et al.			
	HC	5,611,096	3/18/1997	Bartlett et al.			
	HD	5,623,736	4/29/1997	Soltani et al.			
	HE	5,636,395	6/10/1997	Serda			
	HF	5,636,397	6/10/1997	Boyd et al.			
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	HH	5,647,079	7/15/1997	Hakamiun et al.			
	HI	5,662,384	9/2/1997	O'Neill et al.			
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W	IA	5,675,855	10/14/1997	Culp				
	IB	5,678,265	10/21/1997	Meyer				
	IC	5,678,891	10/21/1997	O'Neill et al.				
	ID	5,680,662	10/28/1997	Purdy et al.				
	IE	5,681,092	10/28/1997	Hanson et al.				
	IF	5,687,436	11/18/1997	Denton				
	IG	5,687,438	11/18/1997	Biggie et al.				
	IH	5,689,845	11/25/1997	Sobieralski				
	II	5,731,062	3/24/1998	Kim et al.				
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	JC	5,855,415	1/5/1999	Lilley, Jr.			
	JD	5,865,474	2/2/1999	Takahashi			
	JE	5,870,785	2/16/1999	Hoorens			
	JF	5,904,172	5/18/1999	Giffi et al.			
	JG	5,920,934	7/13/1999	Hannagan et al.			
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	JI	5,966,762	10/19/1999	Wu			
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	KD	6,415,814	7/9/2002	Hand et al.			
	KE	6,487,739	12/3/2002	Harker			
	KF	2002/0195144	12/26/2002	Hand et al.			
	KG	2003/0046762	3/13/2003	Stolpmann			
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